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1. Sixty-five twin-engines low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the hangars of the Hermuchon (N 53/V 06) airfield. The planes, which were covered by tarpaulins, were fitted with double rudder assembly and an antenna rod on the front section of the cabin roof. In spite of the tarpaulins it was noticed that there were versions with both single and double cabins. There was no flying with this type aircraft.

2. Flying was in full swing with eight biplanes by 9:30 a.m. Only local flights were seen. Some of the landings were rather poor. All the planes had two-man crews and had a weapon above the second seat and bomb racks under the wings 1 meter from the fuselage.

3. Soldiers wearing black epaulets and uniforms with black pipings were seen leaving the main guardhouse. One of them drove passenger car [REDACTED]. The following motor vehicles were also seen leaving the airfield:

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A new gate had been built in the board fence surrounding the airfield quarters, about 500 meters from the main guardhouse. Truck [REDACTED] loaded with rations was parked in front of this gate. Its driver wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. Large quantities of oblong metal foils were seen on the southern and southeastern borders of the airfield. They had apparently been dropped over the airfield. These foils had not been seen before. Several heaps of round metal foils were on the eastern side of the airfield.

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5.

A shipping label (Annex 2) was found by the side of the airfield spur track at the same place where the unloading of bombs was previously observed. Several fresh truck tracks were noticed there. Other shipping labels without inscriptions but marked by an exploding red bomb were also found.

Field Comment:

a. Report confirms the presence in Werneuchen of twin-engine aircraft. According to previous information the airfield is occupied by two regiments of the 241st Bmr Div. The type designations of the two versions of the PE-2 characterized by a different structure of the cabin cowlings is not known.

b. It is inferred from the observation of soldiers wearing black epaulets that, besides the air units, an army unit is stationed at the field (unconfirmed assumption).

c. As to the circular metal foils it is not known whether they are Soviet foils for the disturbance of radar sets or constituent parts of dry elements for infra-red recognition radar sets as they were tested by the Germans in Werneuchen during the war. It is remarkable that such foils were also noticed near the Zerbst airfield. Oblong foils were repeatedly found. Since they are not preserved in their original length it cannot be stated for what wave length they were designed.

d. According to the shipping label mentioned in para. 5 the receiver of the shipment concerned

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